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**sparkling, different
gift ideas for friends,
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It's Time for

... winter planting and Christmas remembrances for both indoors and out. Winter planting includes flat stock for spring bloom, certain winter-blooming evergreen perennials in gallon cans, ornamental shrubbery of a not-too-tender nature, and the first of the bare-root roses. Christmas gifts may be any of these items or specially-wrapped foliage and flowering plants to grace the indoor and outside living areas throughout the holiday season.

Real news in the world of ornamentals for use is the great variety of new dwarf citrus—real eating oranges, etc. which remain bushes for tubs or shrubbery border, all available in five gallon cans, \$7.50. Outstanding are the bush Eureka Frost Lemon, Kinnow Mandarin, Valencia and Navel Oranges, Algerian Tangerine and the very juicy Dweet Tangor, many with fruit now on them.

For lanai or glasshouse we again call your attention to the Bromeliads (pineapple family) — **Aechmea miniata** variety discolor, a small tropical with leaves like plastic in rosette formation, pale greenish-bronze to bronzy-red, with a short brilliant spike of flame and blue miniature flowers peeking out of the rosette's center, a permanent houseplant with careful handling, and one that never gets too large—five inch pots \$6.50; **Aechmea fasciata** (1), similar in form though larger, covered with gray tomentum and ultimately bearing soft felt-like pink flowers in long lasting spike, for indoors or protected patio, one of the most striking of all the family \$8.50; **Vriesia Marie** (2), glossy green Bromelaid with long upright spike topped by reddish-yellow flowers, \$10; **Anthurium hybrid** (4), with its famous red-bracted flower and heart-like papery leaf, from \$7.50; **Boston fern** for house use, from 2.50; **Macaranga grandifolia** (3), the parasol-leaf, one of the most striking of tropicals, \$3.50, for indoors only; and gay **pepper plants** attractively wrapped at \$1.50. For indoors (briefly) or out nothing surpasses the old-fashioned

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The Evans & Reeves Los Angeles Calif. Grapevine

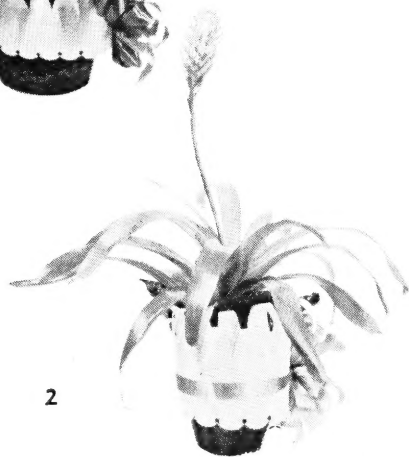
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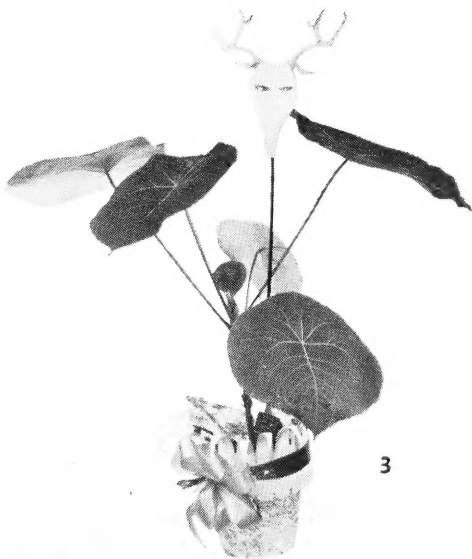
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Azalea (5), in many colors, from \$1.85.

Three really aristocratic additions to any garden, mostly shade, indoors or out, are **Chamaedorea erumpens** (8) (\$10 in six inch pots), **Philodendron Evansi** (6), \$3, \$7.50 and up, and **Dracaena marginata** (7) (\$1 up). This Chamaedorea is a slender vertical very dark green palm of delicate design and slender grace suggesting bamboo far more than a palm. It does sucker at a very early age, achieving a several-caned green clump on the order of Rhaps. Strictly a shade subject with little frost tolerance, C. erumpens makes a really fine house plant especially where something tall and narrow is needed.

Dracaena marginata is equally adaptable, requiring conditions similar to above and fulfilling the same requirements. Its dark red edges and narrow ribbonlike foliage symmetrically clustered at branch ends add an airy touch to a sturdy disposition. Philodendron Evansi is, we feel, the most magnificent of all the Philodendron tribe, and certainly the fastest growing. Good for the living room or lanai for a couple of seasons, this great elephant-ear-leaved subject may eventually be transferred to the shade garden outside to view with the Hawaiian tree ferns and other large-scale tropicals.

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Spring bloom from flat stock other than the usual subjects will include **Gaillardia**, **Canterbury Bells** (annual form), **Larkspur**, **Rock Alyssum**, **Carnation**, **Sweet William** and **Petunia**, 40 and 50 cents a dozen. Perennials for immediate show are **Statice** (**Limonium**) **perezii**, **Agathe** hybrids, **Wallflower**, **Rock Alyssum**, **Scabiosa columbaria**, all 85 cents, one gallon cans. Winter blooming shrubbery now available are **Leptospermum** hybrids (pink, red, white, tall, medium, low) for hot sun and good drainage, \$1.25 and \$4; **Chinese Magnolia** in variety for part shade and ample moisture from \$6.; **Cassia artemisoides**, four to six feet, gray needle leaf with bright yellow flowers in hot slightly dry places, 85 cents and \$4.; **Erica canaliculata** (common South African heather), **Grevillea Thelemanniana** with red flowers, and **Correa** pink or chartreuse, also for hot well-drained locations, all \$1.25 to \$4.50; **Calliandra inequilatera** and its dwarf sister, **C. hematocephala**, bright strawberry pink flowers like powder puffs, for full sun and ample water; and the various Indian hawthornes—**Raphiolepis**—pink or white, at best in light shade, \$1.25 to \$4.50.

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Hugh Evans— Since friends will be bestowing on each other gifts at Christmas time, some of a rather ephemeral nature, and since the gesture is intended as an evidence of regard and to give pleasure to the recipient, surely no more seemly or fitting gift could be found than a fine plant whether it is to ornament a living room, adorn a greenhouse, or add to the beauty and interest of the garden. These remarks are based on the assumption that both of the parties involved in this praiseworthy transaction are garden lovers and lovers of natural beauty—and what civilized and right thinking man or woman is not? If the gift in question is a plant which is not only beautiful but rare and hard to come by, so much the better! Your true gardeners and there are more than a few of them, are always eager to possess something of which they may or may not have heard, but are in any event, delighted to have something which arrests attention by its charm and rarity.

All of us at Evans & Reeves
wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Bountiful New Year

